

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL

December 8, 2008

Members participating:

Speaker Melvin Neufeld, Chairperson
President Steve Morris, Vice-Chairperson
Senator Derek Schmidt, Majority Leader
Senator Anthony Hensley, Minority Leader
Representative Ray Merrick, Majority Leader
Representative Don Dahl, Speaker Pro Tem
Representative Dennis McKinney, Minority Leader

The meeting was called to order by Speaker Neufeld at 11:08 a.m. in Room 143-N, State Capitol.

CONSENT AGENDA

Representative Merrick moved that the minutes of the October 13, 2008, meeting be approved. President Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

President Morris reported to the Council the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Administration. The subcommittee recommended that the Council:

1. Direct the Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer regarding his duties and projects during the 2009 legislative session, as set out in the list distributed to the Council.
2. Authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract between the Council and Propylon for the build phase of the legislative computer system upon approval of the contract by the Systems Review Team.
3. Authorize Joint Committees which require LCC approval to meet during the legislative session to meet on days when legislature is meeting.

4. Approve the appointment of Darrell Conrade of North Newton, Penny Schwab of Copeland and Terry "Lee" Mills, Jr., M.D., FAAFP, of Newton to the Health Care Stabilization Fund Oversight Committee.
5. Approve the prices for the bound volumes, supplements and index to the Kansas Statutes Annotated as recommended by the Revisor of Statutes.
6. Approve one additional meeting day for the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations and one additional meeting day for the Special Committee on the Use of Eminent Domain in Condemnation of Water Rights.
7. Authorize the Speaker and President to designate committees to receive K-GOAL audits.
8. Beginning January 1, 2009, and continuing through the end of fiscal year 2010, place a moratorium on out-of-state travel by legislators, including members of the Council, except travel by a legislator to a meeting of a national organization if the legislator holds a leadership position in the organization and the Legislature is a current member of the organization.

Senator Hensley moved to amend the subcommittee report to extend the out-of-state travel moratorium to legislative staff, including central staff agencies and leadership staff, unless the travel is for purposes of staff training or the staff member holds an office with or serves as chairperson or vice chairperson of a committee of the organization holding the meeting. It was noted that legislators are permitted to use campaign funds to pay for out-of-state travel. The Chairperson was directed to send a letter to the Governor for the executive Branch, the Chief Justice for the Judicial Branch, and other statewide elected officials to inform them of the out-of-state travel moratorium adopted for the Legislative Branch and inquiring whether they have imposed a similar policy for their respective branch or agency. Senator Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

President Morris moved that the subcommittee report be adopted as amended. Senator Hensley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

Don Heiman, Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer, announced that executive and senior staff from the United States House of Representatives and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers will be in Topeka on December 16, 2008, for a briefing on the Kansas Legislative Information Systems Strategic Plan/E-Democracy Initiative.

Representative Merrick made a presentation to Representative Dahl upon his retirement from the Legislature.

President Morris congratulated Sue Krische upon her retirement and recognized her

for her many years of service to the Legislature and, specifically, her service as Chief of Staff to the President of the Senate.

Speaker Neufeld congratulated Janet Jones upon her retirement and recognized her for her many years of service as Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and in other positions with the Kansas Legislature.


Speaker Neufeld made presentations to and recognized Representative Don Dahl and Representative Dennis McKinney on their respective retirements from the Legislature.

Members of the Council also received a memorandum from Mary Torrence that updated the Council on court cases; a memorandum from Jeff Russell concerning travel approval for 2009 meetings; a Policy 20 authorization from Speaker Neufeld; and Policy 1 authorizations from President Morris.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by
Mary Ann Torrence,
Revisor of Statutes,
as Secretary

Approved by



Speaker Melvin Neufeld, Chairperson